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THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The business outlook, as of the middle of 1956, is not a discouraging one, despite the fact that there have been soft spots in the economy during the first six months of this year.

Government economists, and private economists as well, believe the third quarter of this year will be about the same as the first two. However, they look for a pickup in business activity beginning with the automobile industry during the fourth quarter of this year.

In addition, they see a gradual rise in the nation's prosperity in 1957. Perhaps the most comforting thing of all is the fact that most economists agree that the adjustment which has taken place in the automotive industry, and several other industries, this year, has not led to a sharp recession.

There are good indications that the Government is prepared to use credit controls in the near future. Moreover, the Government stands ready to counter any recessionary influence and to increase buying power.

If there is no sudden loss of confidence on the part of business leaders, if the President recovers steadily and remains a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, there is no reason to expect a sharp reversal in business in the remainder of this year. And there are many reasons why an upturn can be expected in 1957, beginning probably in the last quarter of this year.

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MEMORABLE JULY DATES

No month, perhaps, contains more memorable dates than does July. Perhaps the most dramatic battle ever fought in the United States began on July 1, 1863, between the Federal Army of the Potomac, commanded by General George Meade, and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by General Robert E. Lee, at Gettysburg.

But July also contains many other nostalgic dates, including Independence Day, on the 4th. The Republican Party was founded at Jackson, Michigan, on July 6th, 1854. General Edward Braddock, a 40-year veteran in the Coldstream Guards, came to the colonies in 1754 to defeat the French and Indians and made his famous attack on them in the woods in battle formation.

Colonel George Washington, on his staff, had urged Braddock to disperse his forces and fight from tree to tree, but Braddock refused this advice, and in the three-hour battle, lost more than half of his British and American soldiers. Washington managed to conduct a successful retreat, avoiding a complete rout.

Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah on July 2nd, 1847, and the political history of Utah dates from that time. On July 27th, 1886, the first successful Atlantic cable was completed. In Virginia, July 30th is remembered as Crater Day. It was on the morning of July 30th, 1864 that a tunnel loaded with powder by the Union troops exploded under a Confederate fort, creating what was later called the "Crater." A desperate battle ensued, and only through the resort of throwing in every available man, including cooks and non-combat troops, were the Confederates able to restore their thin lines and prevent a breaking open of their defense in front of Petersburg.

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THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

On July 4th, and during a long holiday week-end, millions of Americans will observe the anniversary of our National Declaration of Independence.

In this Declaration members of the Continental Congress proclaimed the American colonies to be free, and independent. In the ensuing yars we have added personal freedom to this independenre. The two are not necessarily synonomous words, for a nation can be independent and nevertheless have a government which allows its inhabitants limited freedom.

The United States has now been a free country for one hundred eighty years, making it one of the oldest continuously established free governments in the world. In the old days, July 4th did not mean much, and the first Independence Day celebration was actually held on July 8th, in Philadelphia.

There are some who believe that July 2nd should be termed Independence Day, since that was the day the Continental Congress adopted a resolution by Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia, stating that "these united colonies are, and of a right ought to be, free and independent states." These very words were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence two days later.

However, the date of July 4th has come to be accepted as Independence Day in the United States, and all over the world it is now a famous observance. We would suggest all Americans obtain a copy of the famous Declaration, now so widely celebrated, and reread it carefully.

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It is easier to sound off in the heat of emotion than to hold your tongue until the proper moment arrives.

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Too much success invariably sours one's friends.

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There are a surprisingly number of good fishing days.

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Not every one who attempts to write or to make witty remarks, says or writes witty remarks.

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There are any number of human problems that will never be solved by resolutions.

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Never get the idea that all people have to think alike, act alike, and believe alike.

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The reason that hard work kills so few people is that so few people do hard work.

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Serving in the armed services is often highly rewarding, in ways that are not necessarily connected with finances.

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Businesses that succeed do not grow of themselves; they do not advance, either, by work alone, but by intelligent planning and courageous action.

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A new Air Force fighter can fly 1500 miles an hour, either in level flight or straight up. It ian probably do even better, straight down.

Washington Notes

DEMOCRATIC PARLEY

Paul Butler announces Democratic party nomination is wide open, invites three major contestants, Adlai Stevenson, Estes Kefauver, and Averill Harriman to post convention parley and any others who would like to attend.

KEFAUVER DISCOURAGED

Senator Estes Kefauver, reportedly discouraged by his defeat in California, cancels plans to go into Midwest for another delegate stumping tour. Unable to leave because of press of Senate duties, his office announces.

DEFENSE COSTS

From fiscal 1951 through 1956 (if the current spending rate continues), the cost of rearming for the jet-atomic age will be about $526,500,000,000. This period also includes the years of the Korean War. High deefnse officials estimate that spending for military defense over the 15-year period extending to 1965 may total more than $806,000,000,000 even with the nation at peace.

G. I. DENTISTS

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, the Army Dental Corps reported that its dentists had installed 3,372,372 permanent fillings for GI's, extracted 1,101,024 teeth and installed 99,117 partial dentures and 14,079 fixed bridges.

BRITISH EXPORTS

While British exports in May earned the record total of $794,640,000, this still was not enough to meet the import bill. The gap left exports and re-exports was $89,000,000 compared with an average for the previous four months of $143,000,000.

DIVIDENDS

Cash dividend payments to corporations rose to $3,700,000,000 during the first five months of this year, which is an increase of 15 per cent over the corresponding period of 1955. Manufacturing companies payments rose 20 per cent, totaling $1,834,500,000, compared with $1,528,400,000 for the same period of last year.

COUNTERFEIT $20's

Merchants have been warned that somebody is taking one dollar bills and "lifting" them into twenties. The quality of the notes is so good the secret service men are giving the situation special attention. The main reason for the good quality of the counterfeit notes is that they are printed on bleached-out one dollar bills.

ROAD PROGRAM

Senate passage of the highway bill has assured the nation of a mammoth program of road construction, which will set in motion the greatest peacetime Federal Building program in the history of the nation. The projected thirteen-year program contemplates an interstate road network to link practically every city of more than 50,000 population with no-intersection, no-stop-light roads. Also planned are by-passes around 50 major cities and interloop expressways in some cities. All but about 7,000 miles of the system will be dual highways of more than two lanes; some will have eight.

FOR POULTRYMEN

When chicks are 5 to 6 weeks old, or whenever you can easily distinguish the cockerels, it is time to separate the sexes. Remove the male birds and place them in a separate enclosure, finishing them off as broilers. Retain only those cockerels needed for breeding purposes.

Removal of the males gives the pullets additional room and eliminates crowding at the food troughs. They will do better as a result. And the poultry raiser realizes a saving in feed costs.

Keep in your flocks of medium and heavy breeds only one male to every 15 females. For Leghorns and other light breeds the ratio should be about one rooster to every 20 hens.

Keep the best cockerels for breeding stock. To pick the best males, here are some guide rules to follow:

(1) High quality chicks are the cheapest in the long run. If you haven't already purchased your chicks, plan to get the best available at your hatchery.

(2) Look for good feathering. Mark all chicks which have long pin feathers in their wings at hatching time or tail feathers at 10 days of age.

(3) Keep for later selection the largest cockerels at 8 to 12 weeks of age.

(4) Retain all cockerels that are free of standard disqualifications, and have no body deformities. Look for points on the sides of the comb and feathers on shanks, toes and between the toes. Get rid of any with these disqualifications. Eliminate the runts and slow-feathering birds.

When your pullet flock begins laying do not house males and females together until the production of hatching eggs is started. It is best to produce market eggs which are infertile.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

What fates impose, that men must needs abide; it boots not to resist both wind and tide. -Shakespeare.

'Tis vain to quarrel with our destiny. -Middleton.

Fate leads the willing and drags along those who hang back.
—Senaca.

Fate, show thy force, ourselves we do not owe;
What is decreed must be, and be this so. —Shakespeare.

Home

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Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Home Demonstration Agent

Let's Eat Out!!

Patio, porch or picnic meals are planned pronto!

What's summer without plenty of picnic meals They're informal, easy to prepare—and never do food taste so smacking good as it tastes in the open air!

With today's equipment for outdoor cooking, appetizing meals may be a last minute inspiration and yet all the appetite appeal of an expertly prepared menu!

Is a backyard or picnic park fireplace, portable grill or broiler, will do wonderful meals that merit a medal. Plan how work at a minimum, there are even pans with a supply of disposable aluminum inserts that may be tossed away after using.

Fix Up A Picnic Shelf

Be ready for that perfect picnic weather when it comes: don't have to worry around collecting picnic dishes and equipment. Keep everything together, so that when somebody suggests, "Let's eat out," you can answer, "All right, let's go!" Canned luncheon meat to grill and canned meat spreads

Caned frankfurters to "roast" and serve on buns

Glasses of procesend cheese

Glasses of peanut butter

Bottles of pickles and olives

Glasses of jelly

Boxes of crackers and cookies

Packaged potato chips

Jars of barbecue sauce, mustard and mayonnaise

Cans of pineapple chunks, cherries

Instant coffee, tea bags, orange concentrate

Paper cups, plates, napkins

Paper or plastic tablecloth

Plastic knives, forks and spoons

Picnic basket

Container for hot or cold foods

Aluminum foil for cooking potatoes, corn on the cob, etc., at picnic grounds.

Easy-to-carry Desserts

After a wonderful cook-out meal, you hardly need a dessert, but if you want a bite of sweet, fruits are best of all. Arrange a basket or bag of your favorite ones, apples, grapes, pears, bananas. They make a pretty centerpiece if you have a table, and are handy, for all to help themselves. Dried fruits also make good desserts. Melons in season are always popular and refreshing.

Cookies take the next spot in popularity. Try spicy oatmeal drop cookies, ginger cookies, or crunchy coconut macaroons. Pack variety of kinds in a big plastic bag or tin box to make carrying easier.

Cakes are popular for outdoor meals, and there are many light racks, plates, and boxes now available to carry them covered, yet easy to see inside, and make your choice ahead. A round cardboard for the base, cut just larger than the cake helps keep it from getting mashed in carrying. Don't forget squares of ginger bread, or apple sauce spice cake—no frosting needed!

Pies are always popular food for indoors or out! Fruit ones carry better than whipped cream, meringue, or chiffon ones. Light aluminum pie plates are easier to carry than glass. Some paper ones, if heavy enough, are good but give a taste to the pie sometimes. Apple and cherry are the favorite pies in Virginia. Small tarts or turnovers are easier to carry, easier to eat, yet more trouble to make.

Ice cream in small cups or slices made into sandwiches with large flat cookies are good if you have some way to keep it from melting. Dry ice is best, and the new chemicals in cans help keep it hard. Why not settle for one of the other desserts if you have to carry it far?

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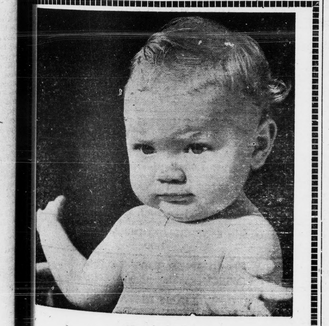

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BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17; Hebrews 1:1—2:4; 6:13.
Devotional Reading: John 14:1-11.

Son of God

Lesson for July 8, 1956

ONE thing the Christian church has believed from the beginning: Jesus is divine. Now the Bible never says that in those words. A more vivid and personal way of expressing it is the Bible way. There he is called Son of God. Theologians have written volumes on top of volumes to explain what it means to call Jesus the Son of God, and some of these volumes are pretty hard to understand. It is important to look into the Bible itself and see what is said there. The letter to the Hebrews (one of those nine letters at the end of the New Testament), in the very first sentence, gives Jesus the title of Son; but does not finish the sentence before beginning to explain a little what is meant by this.

Dr. Foreman

God Speaks by a Son

The first thing we are told here is that God, who has been speaking to men for thousands of years in various ways, has at last spoken to us by a Son. Jesus Christ is God's answer to man's questions, he is the answer to man's call for help, he is God calling to us. Men have long wished the sky were not so silent. They wish they could read the inscrutable mind of the most high God. Well, God has spoken, he has given us his last and best Word. And this Word is not in the form of a textbook, not in the form of an answer-book for all the riddles of existence. God's message to man is not a creed, however good it may be. His message is in a Person, a Life. We want to know what God thinks. We wish he would say something. Well, God has said . . . and what he says is Jesus Christ.

Through Him, the World

The line that divides all things that exist into two different kinds of things, the first and most important line, *is not* the line dividing spirit from matter. The real dividing-line is that which runs between Creator and Created, or to put it in another way, the line between God and everything else that is. When you take time to think about it, you can see that only God can be on the creator-side of creation. God alone, of all that exists, is because he is and not because something or somebody else made him be. Every man must say to himself, "If it were not for such and such a person, or such and such an event, I would not be here." But God could not truly say a thing like that. He does not depend on something or some one else for his very existence, as we do. It is by his good will that we are in the universe at all; it is by his will that the universe is here for us to be in. Now the letter to the Hebrews declares that Christ is God's active agent in creation. In the simple words of the writer, we read that through the Son, God created the world. No wonder the early church soon saw that this puts Jesus on the God-side of that line dividing Creator from Created. This is part of what we mean when we say that Jesus Christ is divine.

Reflection and Stamp

Another part of what we mean is expressed in those two words "reflection" and "stamp." The old Greeks had a story about a creature called a Gorgon, with snakes for hair, so horrible that the very sight of her turned the beholder to stone. Only when a brave man thought of going up to her, not looking directly at her but into a mirror, was anyone able to enter her presence and live. In quite the opposite way, God is not too horrible, but too holy, for mere men to gaze at. We do need a mirror to reflect the unbearable glory of God; Christ is that reflection. He is likewise the "stamp" of God's nature. He is as it were God's signature, his handwriting, his personal seal.

"Therefore . . . Gosser Attention"

The divinity of Christ, of which these sentences in Hebrew are only a few of the New Testament testimonies, was never thought of, in those clear early days of the church, as a mere doctrine in a book. It meant and means something intensely practical. If Jesus is really divine, then, we cannot just take him or leave him. If he is God's Son he is no more optional than God is. Deciding for or against him is the most important decision in life. What he tells and teaches is not "the man's opinion," is not even the voice of genius; it is the Voic of God.

Sarah Anne's COOKING CLASS

When the thermometer climbs and appetites take a downward plunge, that's the time to bring salads to the rescue. There is a lot of good nourishment in the heavy salads, while the lighter ones may be used as a first course.

Jellied Lime and Grapefruit Salad

1 pkg. lime flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
1 cup grapefruit juice
1 cup drained grapefruit section
1 cup sliced stuffed olives
Salad greens
1 avocado
Mayonnaise or French dressing

Dissolve the gelatin in the hot water. Add the grapefruit juice. Cool. When it begins to thicken add the drained grapefruit and the sliced olives. Turn into 8 individual molds. When ready to serve, unmold on salad greens and garnish with slices of avocado. Serve with mayonnaise or French dressing.

Tomato Salad

6 small tomatoes
1-2 cup sliced radishes
1-4 cup diced celery
1 cucumber diced
4 green onions chopped
1-2 cup heavy cream whipped
1 tablespoon vinegar
Salt and pepper
Lettuce

Peel the tomatoes. Add the radishes, celery, cucumber and green onions, to the whipped cream. Add the vinegar, a little at the time, and season well with salt and pepper. Cut the tomatoes into quarters, without cutting clear through. Spread open petal fashion on beds of lettuce. Put some of the vegetable mixture on each tomato.

Salmon Mold

1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoons sugar
1¼ teaspoons flour
1 teaspoon mustard
2 egg yolks.
6 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon butter
1-4 cup vinegar
2 teaspoons gelatin
1-4 cup cold water
1 lb. can salmon
1-2 peeled cucumber sliced.

For The Peas

1 can condensed pea soup
1-2 cup rich milk
1 tablespoon gelatin
1-4 cup cold water
Juice of 1-2 lemon
1 teaspoon minced onion

Mix salt, sugar, flour and mustard together and mix with the egg yolks. Scald milk and add to the yolk mixture. Return to double boiler and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Add butter and vinegar. Soften the 2 tablespoons of gelatin in the 1-4 cup of water and add to the hot mixture. Stir until dissolved. Cool. Remove the skin and bones from the salmon. Add with the cucumber to the gelatin mixture.

Mix the pea soup with the milk. Heat just to boiling point and add the gelatin which has been soaked in the cold water. Add lemon juice and the onion. Pour into a greased mold or loaf pan. Chill until set. Pour over it the salmon mixture. Chill until firm. Slice and serve on salad greens.

Cucumber Mousse

1 cup grated cucumber
1 tablespoon gelatin - black pepper
1 teaspoon salt - paprika
1 cup heavy cream whipped or
1½ cups cottage cheese

Grate the cucumber. Put the pulp and juice in a strainer over a bowl and let drain for about 15 minutes. There should be 1-2 cup of cucumber juice. Sprinkle the gelatin over the juice. Allow to soften. Put bowl over boiling water and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat. Add salt, pepper, paprika, and chives. Cool. Add grated cucumber pulp. Chill until thick. Fold in the whipped cream or cottage cheese. Pour into individual molds that have been oiled. Chill until firm. Serve on lettuce, garnish with slices of cucumber. Serve with cold meats.

Fruit Salad Plate

Arrange lettuce on each serving plate. Add a slice of pineapple, a half peach and pear. Top with a mound of cottage cheese. Alternate with whole sections of orange and grapefruit slightly overlapping the cheese mounds. Add 3 clusters of seeded grapes, cherries and melon balls. Top with mayonnaise. Garnish with a ripe olive and a celery heart.

Beet Salad

2 cups diced beets
Salt and pepper
1 medium onion minced
1 cup diced celery
2 hard boiled eggs chopped

Mix all ingredients. Season to taste. Moisten with mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce.

OBLIGING LOCKSMITH

Ashbury Park, N. J.- An obliging locksmith opened the door of a parked car for a man who said he had lost his keys. The owner of the car, Miss Virginia Zimmerman, arrived on the scene just as the strange man drove off in her parked car. The car and the man were later found by the police.

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